

WARSHIPS BOUGHT

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FAILURE OF SPANISH EFFORT

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Secretary Long and other naval affairs
appeared before the House naval affairs
committee and pointed out the most urgent
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The Senate adopted Mr. Chandler's resolu-
tion authorizing the naval affairs com-
mittee to send for persons and papers while
investigating the Maine disaster.

The Senate also adopted a joint resolution
authorizing the President to obtain
indemnity from Spain for treatment of Aug-
ust Bolten and Gustave Richeieu.

A Spanish fleet sailed today from Cadiz.
Its supposed destination is Cuba.

The reported sale to the United States of
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touches in an English shipyard, was con-
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Secretary Alger called upon the President
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tioning some of the things spoken of by
Senator Proctor. Secretary Alger's visit
was chiefly for the purpose of securing the
President's consent to a purchase of ord-
nance. He was seen by the Secretary and
Senator Proctor would call upon the
President in the afternoon and tell his
own story.

Not From the Court of Inquiry.
Secretary Alger vigorously asserts that
Senator Proctor is not the bearer of any
kind of a message from the court of in-
quiry relating to its work. The value of
Senator Proctor's information to the ad-
ministration, he said, is in his knowledge of
present conditions on the island.

The familiarity of Senator Proctor with
War Department matters causes the belief
that he made numerous suggestions to Sec-
retary Alger as to fortifications in the
south.

Brooklyn Reaches Hampton Roads.
The big armored cruiser Brooklyn arrived
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apolis and Columbia, which are just fitting
out at Philadelphia. This force will form
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ing squadron" in case the department de-
cides to form one.

The tug Leyden, a fine steel boat, has
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She will stop on the way at League Island
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The recruiting service of the Navy De-
partment is naturally one of the biggest
branches of the service just now. It is in
the temporary command of Captain Hump-
hill during the absence in the south of Cap-
tain Hawley. He was busy this morning
with representatives of the various rail-
roads engaged in arranging to transport
this morning announcement that the Ban-
croft sailed yesterday from Lisbon for Key
West, to join the squadron. This leaves
Admiral Howell as the sole representative
of the United States navy in European
waters. It is now stated at the Navy De-
partment that the Marblehead, which ar-
rived at Tampa Saturday night, was or-
dered to that place simply to take on some
stores for the squadron.

The torpedo boat Foote arrived at
Charleston yesterday on her way to Key
West to join the flotilla. The Fern sailed
yesterday from Key West, having
it is presumed, delivered all the stores
for the starving reconcentrados, which, so
far, have been received from the central
relief committee, New York. The battle
ship Iowa came over from Tortugas to Key
West yesterday. The Annapolis, gunboat,
arrived at Curacao. The training ship Es-
sex has sailed from New York for Ports-
mouth.

Other Naval Movements.
The gunboat Machias, which has just
arrived at Norfolk from the Asiatic sta-

tion by way of the Suez canal, has been
found to be in fair shape, as a result of
the examination by the naval inspection
board. A thorough overhauling will be un-
necessary in the present instance, as she
will be sent to Boston, where all necessary
repairs can be made to her in about twelve
days.

Orders have been issued to the Mare
Island navy yard to prepare the Charle-
stown for commission without loss of time,
and it is expected this ship will be in ser-
vice again by the first week in April, or
some days ahead of the Philadelphia. Both
vessels will be retained near San Fran-
cisco, and with the two monitors Monterey
and Monadnock will defend that city
against war vessels that might be sent
against it.

Authorities have been advised that re-
pairs to the monitor Puritan are practically
completed, and she will drop down to
Hampton Roads in a day or two to await
developments. The cruiser Brooklyn will
join her at that point, and these ships
will soon be reinforced by the cruisers Col-
umbia and Minneapolis.

The monitor Miantonomoh will be retain-
ed at the mouth of the Delaware to guard
the city of Philadelphia, and the ram
Katahdin, it is expected, will be ordered
into New York or to Key West, with
the chances in favor of her reinforcing the
Terror for protection of the port of New
York.

To Give Up the European Station.
It has been decided to abandon the Eu-
ropean station for the present to meet the
exigencies of the situation. Orders have
been sent to Commodore Howell, command-
ing the fleet, to send the gunboats Helena
and Bancroft to the United States with all
speed and to prepare to return himself on
the flagship San Francisco on short notice.
These three vessels comprise the entire Eu-
ropean fleet. They have been at Lisbon,
Portugal, for several weeks awaiting orders.
The Helena was originally intended for
the Asiatic station, and was proceeding
thither by the Mediterranean route when
directed to remain at Lisbon until further
orders. The Bancroft was built as a prac-
tice vessel for the Naval Academy cadets,
but was sent to Turkish waters during the
critical period of the Armenian troubles,
when so many American citizens were be-
ing ill-treated in the sultan's possessions,
and has been retained on the station ever
since.

The Helena has a displacement of only
1,392 tons and that of the Bancroft is only
839 tons. The San Francisco is a protected
cruiser of 4,065 tons, and is a very good
vessel for her class, although in need of a
rapid-firing battery.

It is expected that the Helena will ar-
rive at Hampton Roads and the Bancroft
at Key West within two weeks' time.
They will be attached to Admiral Sigsbee's
formidable fleet, and in the event of trou-
ble will be used in blockading Cuban ports.
The abandonment of the European sta-
tion is due to the desire of the department
to remove from a possible sphere of dan-
ger three ships which might there fall an
easy prey to Spanish battle ships or ar-
mored cruisers, and which could render
much more effective service on this side
of the Atlantic.

Disappearing Gun Carriages.
The ordnance department of the army has
sent an invitation to all of the firms which
have in the past proposed to build dis-
appearing gun carriages, in answer to the
department's advertisement, to now come
forward and submit on their own behalf
proposals for building such carriages. They